

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 44-63 remain pending in this application, with Claims 44, 46, 48, 50, and 61 being independent.

Claims 44-63 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,759,471.

In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant submits the attached Terminal Disclaimer relating to U.S. Patent No. 6,759,471, with the attached cover letter entitled "Submission of Terminal Disclaimer" and the required \$130.00 fee. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above submission, the application is now in allowable form. Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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